

House Resolution No. 2685

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those citizens who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to freedom, democracy, and the public good through their inestimable contributions to their community and the various branches of the United States military; and

Whereas, L. Duke McDonald of DeSoto, Missouri, is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps who valiantly served his country from January 8, 1951, to January 7, 1954; and

Whereas, Duke McDonald attained considerable distinction when he served with the 1st Marine Division, Combat Korea, 2nd Battalion, 5th Regiment, E Company; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the United States Marine Corps, Duke McDonald earned the United Nations Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Service Medal with three Clusters, the National Defense Medal, the Rifle Sharpshooter Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon; and

Whereas, as a member of VFW Post 1831 since October 28, 1987, Duke McDonald has proudly carried out countless acts of kindness, just a very few of which include helping veterans receive medical benefits, financial benefits, and military medals earned while in the service; furnishing transportation to and from doctors and hospitals; assisting with phone calls to veterans and their widows; making home visits; providing information to the community and its youth regarding patriotism and the history of this great nation; and aiding in the repair of damaged organizations after the 2003 tornado; and

Whereas, Duke McDonald supports several veteran and community organizations, including the Korean War Veterans, of which he is a Public Relations Representative, AMVETS Post 48, the Elks Lodge, Gold Star Mothers, VFW Post 1831 Ladies Auxiliary, the Missouri Veterans Home, the DeSoto National Guard, the DeSoto Community Foundation, the Veteran Wall of Honor in Hillsboro, the Support Our Troop Campaign, Friends of Vets, the 911 Benefit (benefit for backstoppers), P-38 Ambassador of Goodwill, Buddy Poppy, POW (Prisoner of War)-MIA (Missing in Action) Day, Operation Uplink, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Veterans' Path of Honor, which is scheduled to be completed by the Spring of 2004 at the JB Division, Veterans Affairs Medical Center in St. Louis:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute former Sergeant L. Duke McDonald of the United States Marine Corps and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation for the tireless service he has rendered to his community and his country; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for L. Duke McDonald, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Wes Wagner
District No. 104

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2685, adopted May 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker